Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9:

When~~a~~ consideration is given to ~~that the softwares~~ software that may be further delivered via ~~the~~ a network in the future, ~~it needs not be pointed out that~~ it becomes very necessary to maintain safety of the software that is downloaded and to cope with ~~the~~ abnormal operation that may ~~happen~~occur. However, no conventional system is capable of coping with the demand to a sufficient degree.

Amendments to the existing claims:

1. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes~~;~~:

an application that operates upon being downloaded onto said local server;

a script describing ~~the~~ operation of ~~said~~ the application; and

~~a~~ fault countermeasure means for coping with ~~the~~ occurrence of a fault; and

said local server includes:

a network-directed language execution environment;

~~a~~ remote management means for downloading the application from said center server, and for deleting the application after ~~the~~ processing has ~~been~~ finished;

~~a~~ script interpretation means for interpreting the script and for requesting ~~said~~ the application to execute ~~the processing~~; and

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a-highly reliable means for recording event data that occur while
said the application is being executed, for managing-the data when-the a fault
has occurred, and for executing-the restoration processing.

2. (Amended) A-The software management system according to claim 1,
wherein said remote management means includes:
center server data and application data;:
a-request processing means that-works in response responds to a request
for executing-said the application;
an-application downloading means for downloading the application from
said center server based upon-said the center server data and-said the application
data; and
an-application management means for executing-the processing for
driving or and deleting said the application based on said the application data.

3. (Amended) A-The software management system according to claim 1,
wherein said script interpretation means includes:
a script definition and a list of events;
an-interpretation means for interpreting said the script in accordance with
said the script definition and for outputting an event corresponding to-the
content of-definition of said the script; and
an-event drive means for fetching said the event and for picking up-a
processing that is driven by said the event according to said the list of events.

4. (Amended) A-The software management system according to claim 1,
wherein said the script is described in XML (extensible markup language), and
the script definition is described in DTD (document type definition).

5. (Amended) A̶=The̲ software management system according to claim 1, wherein said fault countermeasure means includes:

a̶=fault data-obtaining means for obtaining fault data from said local server̶-̶i̶n̶-̶c̶a̶s̶e̶ when a̲ fault has occurred; and

a̶=fault countermeasure-notifying means for determining the countermeasure against the fault̶-̶i̶n̶-̶c̶a̶s̶e̶ when̲ the fault has occurred and for notifying̶-̶i̶t̶-̶t̶o̶ said local server; and

said highly reliable means includes:

a̶=fault detector means for detecting̶-̶t̶h̶e̲ occurrence of a fault̶-̶t̶h̶a̶t̶-̶h̶a̶s̶-̶o̶c̶c̶u̶r̶r̶e̶d̶;

a̶=fault data correction means for correcting the fault data when the fault has occurred;

a̶=fault-notifying means for̶-̶n̶o̶t̶i̶f̶y̶i̶n̶g̶-̶s̶a̶i̶d̶ sending the̲ fault data to said center server;

a̶=restoration means for restoring,̲ after̲ the fault,̲ relying upon the countermeasure against the fault from said center server; and

a̶n̶=event collection means for̶-̶c̶o̶r̶r̶e̶c̶t̶i̶n̶g̶ collecting and recording s̶a̶i̶d̲ the̲ event data.

6. (Amended) A̶=The̲ software management system according to claim 5, wherein said fault countermeasure means includes:

a list̲ of fault countermeasures, storing countermeasures against faults for each o̶f̶-̶t̶h̶e̶-̶k̶i̶n̶d̶s̶-kind̲ of the fault data; and

said fault countermeasure-notifying means includes:

a̶=fault countermeasure detector means for detecting a countermeasure against a̲ fault corresponding to the kind of the fault data based upon a list of the fault countermeasures; and

a notifying means for ~~notifying~~ <u>sending</u> the countermeasure against fault
to said local server.

7. (Amended) ~~A~~ <u>The</u> software management system according to claim 1,
wherein said fault countermeasure means includes:

a fault data-obtaining means for obtaining fault data ~~of,~~ <u>concerning</u> when
the fault has occurred, from said local server; and

said highly reliable means includes:

a fault detector means for detecting ~~the~~ occurrence of a fault;

a fault data collection means for collecting fault data ~~of~~ when the fault
has occurred;

a restoration means for autonomously coping with ~~the~~ occurrence of a
fault ~~to~~ <u>and</u> automatically ~~restore~~ <u>restoring after</u> the fault;

a notifying means for ~~notifying~~ <u>sending</u> the fault data and ~~the data of~~
automatic restoration <u>data</u> to said center server; and

~~an~~ event collection means for collecting and recording the event data.

8. (Amended) ~~A~~ <u>The</u> software management system according to claim 1,
~~wherein said~~ <u>including a plurality of</u> local servers ~~exist in a plural number~~, each
~~of which~~ <u>local server</u> including said network-directed language execution
environment, said remote management means, said script interpretation means,
and said highly reliable means.

9. (Amended) ~~A~~ <u>The</u> software management system according to claim 8,
~~wherein said~~ <u>including a plurality of</u> center servers ~~exist in a plural number~~,
each ~~of which~~ <u>center server</u> including ~~said~~ <u>the</u> application, ~~said~~ <u>the</u> script, and
said fault countermeasure means.

10. (Amended) ~~A~~ The software management system according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ including a plurality of said local servers ~~exist in a plural number~~, at least one of ~~which~~ said local servers including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, said script interpretation means, and said highly reliable means, and other local servers including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, and said script interpretation means.

11. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes ~~;~~:

an application that operates upon being downloaded onto said local server; and

a script describing ~~the~~ operation of ~~said~~ the application; and

said local server includes:

a network-directed language execution environment;

~~a~~ remote management means for downloading the application from said center server, and for deleting the application after ~~the~~ processing has ~~been~~ finished; and

~~a~~ script interpretation means for interpreting the script and for requesting ~~said~~ the application to execute ~~the processing~~.

12. (Amended) ~~A~~ The software management system according to claim 11, ~~wherein said~~ including a plurality of local servers ~~exist in a plural number~~, each ~~of which~~ local server including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, and said script interpretation means.

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13. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes~:~

an application that operates upon being downloaded on-to said local server; and

a~fault countermeasure means for coping with~the~ occurrence of a fault; and

said local server includes:

a network-directed language execution environment;

a~remote management means for downloading the application from said center server, and for deleting the application after~the~ processing has~been~ finished; and

a~highly reliable means for recording event data that occur while said~ the application is being executed, for managing~the~ data when~the~ a fault has occurred, and for executing~the~ restoration processing.

14. (Amended) A~The software management system according to claim 13, wherein said~including a plurality of local servers~exist in a plural number~, each of which~local server including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, and said highly reliable means.

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